

REMARKS

Claim 66 is pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 42, 44-48, 50-55, and 57-65 are canceled and claim 66 is added. Support for claim 66 may be found, for example, in the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

The Office Action rejects claims 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 50-55, and 57-65 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,621,068 to Okamoto et al. ("Okamoto"). The Office Action also rejects claim 46 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Okamoto. By this Amendment, claims 42, 44-48, 50-55, and 57-65 are canceled, rendering the rejections moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

II. New Claim

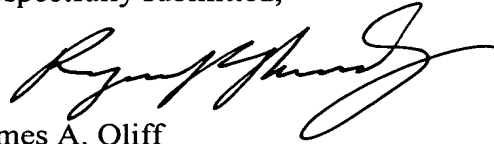
By this Amendment, new claim 66 is presented. Applicants believe claim 66 distinguishes over the applied references. Prompt examination and allowance of new claim 66 is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Applicants earnestly solicit favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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